



General Assembly

Distr.
GENERAL

A/RES/46/122
24 February 1992

Forty-sixth session
Agenda item 98

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
[on the report of the Third Committee (A/46/721)]

46/122. United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund
on Contemporary Forms of Slavery

The General Assembly,

Recalling Economic and Social Council decisions 16 (LVI) and 17 (LVI) of 17 May 1974, by which it authorized the SubCommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to establish a Working Group on Slavery, renamed the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery by the Commission on Human Rights in its resolution 1988/42 of 8 March 1988, 1/

Taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1991/58 of 6 March 1991, 2/ on the report of the Working Group,

Taking note also of Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/34 of 31 May 1991, by which it requested the General Assembly to establish a voluntary fund on contemporary forms of slavery,

Gravely concerned that slavery, the slave trade, slavery-like practices and even modern manifestations of this phenomenon still exist, representing some of the gravest violations of human rights,

1/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1988, Supplement No. 2 and corrigendum (E/1988/12 and Corr.1), chap. II, sect. A.

2/ Ibid., 1991, Supplement No. 2 (E/1991/22), chap. II, sect. A.

/...

Convinced that the establishment of a voluntary trust fund on contemporary forms of slavery would constitute a significant development for the protection of the human rights of victims of contemporary forms of slavery,

1. Decides to establish a voluntary trust fund on contemporary forms of slavery in accordance with the following criteria:

(a) The name of the fund shall be the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery;

(b) The purposes of the Fund shall be, first, to assist representatives of non-governmental organizations from different regions, dealing with issues of contemporary forms of slavery, to participate in the deliberations of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery by providing them with financial assistance and, secondly, to extend, through established channels of assistance, humanitarian, legal and financial aid to individuals whose human rights have been severely violated as a result of contemporary forms of slavery;

(c) Funding shall be obtained by means of voluntary contributions from Governments, non-governmental organizations and other private or public entities;

(d) The only types of activity to be supported by the Fund shall be those described in subparagraph (b) above;

(e) The only beneficiaries from the Fund shall be:

(i) Representatives from non-governmental organizations dealing with issues of contemporary forms of slavery:

a. Who are so considered by the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, described in subparagraph (f) below;

b. Who would not, in the opinion of the Board of Trustees, be able to attend the sessions of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery without the assistance provided by the Fund;

c. Who would be able to contribute to a deeper knowledge on the part of the Working Group of the problems relating to contemporary forms of slavery;

(ii) Individuals whose human rights have been severely violated as a result of contemporary forms of slavery and who are so considered by the Board of Trustees;

/...

(f) The Fund shall be administered in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations and other relevant provisions, with the advice of a Board of Trustees composed of five persons with relevant experience in the field of human rights and contemporary forms of slavery in particular, who will serve in their personal capacity; the members of the Board of Trustees shall be appointed by the Secretary-General for a three-year renewable term, in consultation with the current Chairman of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities and with due regard to equitable geographical distribution;

2. Appeals to all Governments to respond favourably to requests for contributions to the Fund.

75th plenary meeting
17 December 1991